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SUMMARY: INITIAL REACTION OF QUAI D'ORSAY TO OUR
PROPOSAL WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT APPEARED ENCOURAGING.
QUAI RAISED TWO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FOR WHICH WE
NEED ANSWERS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFO
RE USG THINKING ABOUT OVERALL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH FRANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. CIVIL AIR ATTACHE DISCUSSED NICE QUESTION
FEBRUARY 14 WITH FRANCOISE CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE
(DIRECTOR OF AVIATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) ,
MADE APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN TALKING POINTS (PARA 4
REF A) AND LEFT AN INFORMAL COPY WITH HER. SHE
PROMISED TO TAKE UP QUESTION WITH HER COLLEAGUES AT
BOTH QUAI AND DGAC AND GIVE US A CONSIDERED RESPONSE
WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS. ALTHOUGH SHE ALLUDED TO THE
HARDER LINE SHE TOOK ON THIS ISSUE TWO WEEKS AGO
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(PARIS 3986), CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE'S PERSONAL INITIAL
REACTION TO OUR APPROACH APPEARED ENCOURAGING. SHE
NOTED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF EXCHANGING BLIND SECTOR
RIGHTS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY FRENCH TWO YEARS AGO. HOW-
EVER, UNTIL SHE AND HER COLLEAGUES HAD CONSULTED WITH
AIR FRANCE, AND DETERMINED ITS POSSIBLE INTERESTS IN
THE LIGHT OF THIS PRESENT US OFFICIAL SUGGESTION, IT

WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR HER TO INDICATE ANYTHING
FIRMLY.

2. CLAUDE LAFONTAINE RAISED TWO QUESTION BASED ON OUR
PRESENTATION.

(A) WHAT IS THE US PREFERENCE, TO AMEND THE
AGREEMENT OR TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING? IF THE
LATTER, WHAT DO WE MEAN BY AN "UNDERSTANDING" AND
WHAT FORM WOULD IT TAKE?

(B) HOW FLEXIBLE OR FIRM WOULD THE ARRANGEMENTS
IN THE AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING BE? IF, FOR
EXAMPLE, A FEW YEARS FROM NOW TWA DID NOT WANT TO
SERVE NICE VIA GENEVA BUT WANTED OTHER "BLIND SECTOR"
RIGHTS, WOULD THE ARRANGEMENTS PERMIT THIS WITHOUT
FURTHER NEGOTIATION. A SIMILAR SITUATION COULD ARISE
WITH RESPECT TO AIR FRANCE, SHE NOTED.

COMMENT: SINCE REF B INDICATED THAT THE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE US INTENT TO REQUEST OVERALL CIVAIR
NEGOTIATIONS WAS FOR THE EMBASSY'S USE WE DID NOT
INFORM CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE. WE DID SUGGEST THAT
AN INTERIM RENEWAL OF TWA'A AUTHORIZATION TO MARCH
1979 WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND THAT, WHILE A POSSIBLE
ARRANGEMENT ON BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS WAS BEING WORKED
OUT, NO DISRUPTION OF TWA'S SERVICE SHOULD TAKE PLACE.
HOWEVER, THE QUAI MAY FEEL THAT IF THE GOF AGREES
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IN PRINCIPLE TO EXCHANGE BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS A TEXT
SHOULD BE DEVELOPED QUICKLY (I.E. BEFORE MARCH 31
OR PERHAPS JUNE 6-- THE DATE SUGGESTED TO DGAC
BY TWA TO FACILITATE OPERATIONALLY THE SWITCHOVER
OF NICE SERVICE FROM THE GENEVA TO THE BARCELONA
ROUTE.)

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4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 WHICH WE MAY PASS TO CLAUDE-
LAFONTAINE.

(B) THE STANDARD DEFINITIONS OF "BLIND SECTOR"
AND "CO-TERMINAL" SHOULD BE SUPPLIED US. NONE OF THE
REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY OR TO
TWA LOCALLY CONTAINS SUCH DEFINITIONS. EMBASSY
ASSUMES THAT WHEN WE SAY THE US WILL BE PREPARED
"TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TORONTO OR ANY OTHER POINT
AS BLIND SECTORED INTERMEDIATE" WE MEAN ANY OTHER "THIRD
COUNTRY" POINT. DOES THAT INCLUDE MEXICO, THE
CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC AS WELL AS CANADA?

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS OF THE USG THINKING
WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE AND
WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT THEREON. WE ASSUME
THE US WILL WANT TO RESOLVE THE LONDON-PARIS TRAFFIC
QUESTION, TAKE UP THIS BLIND SECTOR ISSUE, SECURE
ACCEPTANCE OF US CHARTER RULES, AND GET A NEW FARES
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ARTICLE. ARE THERE ANY OTHER ISSUES? WHAT ARE WE
PREPARED TO OFFER THE FRENCH? THEY APPEAR TO WANT
NOTHING FROM U.S. AT MOMENT.
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